

# Do psychopathic personality traits affect the relationship between cognition and emotion in depression?

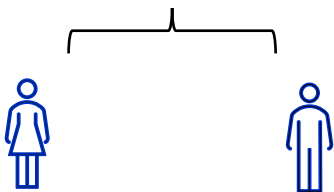
## Sample



Rehabilitation center for affective and stress-related disorders, Austria

373

Individuals with depression



$n = 214$

$n = 158$

## Methods

Self-assessment questionnaires  
for

- Emotional competences
- Psychopathic personality traits

Neuropsychological testbattery  
for

Cognition

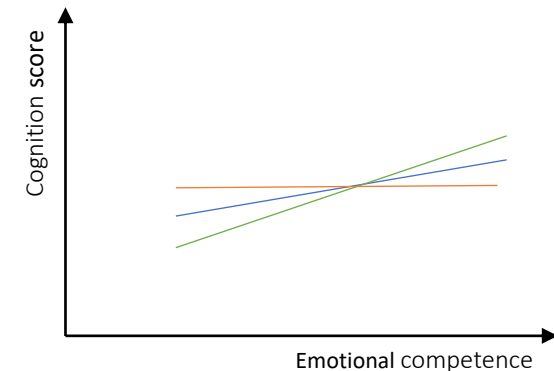
- Attention/processing speed
- Verbal memory/language
- Executive function



## Results

Relationship between cognition and emotion is **positively** moderated by:

- Psychopathic **Stress Immunity**
- Psychopathic **Social Potency**



## Conclusion

- Some psychopathic traits have a positive effect on deteriorated emotion and cognition in depression
- Personality traits should be identified as resilience-strengthening or deteriorating factors in depression